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OUR MUSIC.

The music in this issue will be found suitable to the varied tastes. The arrangement of "Mikado," by Armstrong, is comparatively easy and popular; The Spit-fire Polka, composed by Armstrong, is very taking and will not fail to speedily become popular; The Pickaninny Jig, by Lec, and the Easy Schottische, by Loag, are just the thing for young players, and the easy Guitar Music by Loag is just what the teacher needs for his pupils. If the *Journal* is not well worth 10 cents it is worth nothing.



A. Baur has fitted up a new hotel in Brookville, Penna.

B. B. Dale, cornet manufacturer, has removed from 29 Liberty street to No. 35 Liberty street, New York. See advertisement in this issue.

P. W. Denzel, Banjo and Guitar Teacher, of Chicago, Ill., writes that business is very good.

Wm. A. Huntley considers the new Stewart Banjo styled the "Banjeaurine," to be the most brilliant and sharpest toned solo banjo ever invented or manufactured. It is destined to have many imitators.

J. E. Henning, of Chicago, sells the Stewart Banjo as his leading instrument.

J. C. Gordon, of Glasgow, Scotland, writes under date of November 17, that he has quite a number of pupils. At a recent "eontest" in banjo playing, a party there performed upon a 15 string banjo.

Walter I. Pratt, of Iowa City, whose portrait appeared in our last number, is doing quite well in teaching the banjo.

Frank Golden, Banjoist and Comedian, with John E. Healy's "Big Indian Show," is loud in his praise of the Stewart Banjo.

On last Thanksgiving day Wm. A. Huntley and Jno. H. Lee played in the Temple Rink, Trenton, N. J., to 1600 people, who thus had the pleasure of hearing Stewart's Banjos played by masters.

F. A. Kilber, of St. Louis, has changed his address from Olive street, to No. 810 North Jefferson Ave.

Frank H. Erd, of East Saginaw, Mich., recently played the banjo and xylophone at the Concert of the East Saginaw Zither Club. He "captured" the audience.

Those about to purchase banjos should send to S. S. Stewart, for his illustrated price-list, which will give much desired information on the subject of banjos etc.

The *Zither Player*, "a journal devoted to the interest of zither playing," thinks that banjo playing should have no place in zither concerts. It doubtless considers the banjo beneath the zither in musical value, but many others think the reverse. There are a few musical bigots who imagine that because they are fond of a thing that every one else should be so; and such would like to force their regular diet of zither music down the throats of an audience. But the hearty manner in which the audience received the banjo playing of Mr. F. H. Erd, at a recent zither concert, caused some performers a feeling of nausea.

The banjo is gaining ground very rapidly in the highest musical circles and is finding its way into the best of concerts. Only narrow minded bigots would attempt to exclude it from motives of petty jealousy.

Banjo Quartettes are becoming numerous. W. I. Pratt, of Iowa City, has established a fine one.

MUSICAL UNIQUE.—The following persons, comprising the advanced class of Mrs. T. H. Brand's pupils taking instruction on the guitar and banjo, assembled at her residence on Main street last evening and entertained a company of their friends with a very interesting and pleasing programme: Mrs. Fanny Nicodemus, Mrs. Campbell, Miss Genevieve Ingman, Miss Sophia Goodwin, Miss Sadie Gallagher, Mr. George C. Main, Mr. Ira J. H. Sykes and Mr. George N. Brown. Solos and duets were nicely arranged and executed, but the crowning feature was the performance of the quartette,—Miss Genevieve Ingman and Mesdames Brand, Nicodemus and Campbell,—on the banjo. The peculiarity was in the harmony of an instrument always heretofore known only for solo purposes. God in Mercy Hear Our Prayer (andante) was rendered with effect, while Silvery Moonlight Waltz had a tendency to create a desire to step beyond the decorum of the occasion. The solos and duets were given with exquisite tastes. Refreshments followed the musical programme, and a general good time was indulged in by all present.—*Wisconsin State Journal, December 22d, 1885.*



P. H. COOMBS.

P. H. Coombs, whose portrait appears above, is a resident of Bangor, Maine, the birth-place of the far famed E. M. Hall. He took up the study of banjo playing with the idea of following it solely for his own amusement and recreation, but in course of time, finding such a demand made upon him for lessons, he assumed the role of teacher, and has for the past four years taught the banjo during the winter season, having a large class of pupils. He teaches only during the winter season, for the reason that, being a gentleman of scholarly attainments and skilled in the science of civil engineering, he finds his position of City Engineer, together with his business of surveying, occupies his entire time during the warmer weather, and leaves no room for the banjo during the summer. Mr. Coombs considers "raised frets" as a mechanical defect upon an instrument, and believes that when a pupil has once acquired a method of fingering with their aid, that it becomes very difficult for him to learn to use a smooth fingerboard.

Mr. Coombs teaches only by regular musical notation, applying the principles of music and harmony to his instrument, as all good teachers should—he is a thorough mechanic and can detect a "trade tub" from a good banjo at a glance of the eye.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Latrobe, Pa., Dec. 14, 1885.

MR. S. S. STEWART:

I received the banjo you sent to H. E. Hoke & Son, and allow me to say it is my idea of a perfect banjo in tone and finish. I had ordered a banjo and was advised to send it back when it came, kept the banjo in my possession just fifteen minutes and back it went, but my Stewart Banjo cannot be bought.

I remain yours,

CHAS. E. HOKE.

Fort Omaha, Neb., Nov. 20, 1885.

DEAR MR. STEWART:

Just returned from a hunt and found my banjo (\$150 orchestra) waiting for me, I don't know

what to say except that it is the finest thing I ever had or ever saw in finish, and that the tone could not suit me better. Every one who saw the banjo last night thinks just the same.

Yours very truly,
WILL E. CARLIN.

Toledo, Dec. 13th, 1885.

S. S. STEWART,

Dear Sir:—The "Princess" came to hand O. K. and am well pleased with it.

Yours truly,
E. L. GATES.

Providence, R. I., Nov. 22d, 1885.

MR. S. S. STEWART,

Dear Sir:—Received banjo all right Friday morning and am perfectly satisfied with it in every way. I like the tone even better than the larger one, I played duetts last with a friend who sells banjos, his banjo sounded like a toy banjo with the "Champion," although about the same size. I shall recommend your banjos to everyone.

Yours respectfully,
LOUIS N. COLE.

New York, Nov. 10, 1885.

MR. S. S. STEWART,

Dear Sir:—The banjo arrived safely and it is a beauty. I am delighted with it, and it was well worth waiting for.

Yours truly,
JOHN F. BUCK.
Spirit of The Times.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 17, 1885.

MR. S. S. STEWART,

Dear Sir:—I write to acknowledge the receipt of the beautiful banjo you so promptly sent, and must say for beauty both in finish and tone, it excels any banjo I have yet seen, and say (as Mr. Henning always said, you were) the King of all Banjo Makers.

I am sincerely yours,
META BISCHOFF.

New York, Sept. 14th, 1885.

MR. STEWART:

Banjo received all in good order and am delighted with it, the tone is simply grand, and I am obliged to you for sending such a splendid instrument, I have a —— banjo I paid \$65 for, one of their so-called masterpieces, and it is a veritable tub compared with yours.

Yours etc.,
WILLIAM MARSH.

Negaunee, Mich., Nov. 24, 1885.

S. S. STEWART,

Dear Sir:—The "American Princess" Banjo you made for me is greatly admired by everybody that has heard it; there is such a vibration to the strings in playing it, makes such an intermingling of sounds, oh? I will not attempt to describe it, suffice to say I consider you beyond compare as a banjo maker.

Yours very respectfully,
NETTIE R. WELSH.

Teacher of Banjo, Guitar, Piano and Organ.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 17, 1885.

S. S. STEWART,

Dear Sir:—The "Little Wonder" Banjo I got of you some time ago, has proved very satisfactory to my customer, and he wants another.

Yours etc.,
A. B. CORBIN.

Corning, N. Y., Dec. 4th, 1885.

MR. S. S. STEWART,

Dear Sir:—The banjo you made for me came to hand, and caused quite a commotion in banjo circles here, as I think nothing like it has ever been seen here before. It is not only a beautiful instrument but the tone is superb, I have played

it with other instruments and find no trouble in making it heard above them all; yet it can be played as soft as you choose and yet give a sweet tone.

Yours truly,
W. H. CLARK.

"Album" was taken. Think the pieces published in the "Journal" beat all the other music I can get.

Respectfully,
E. P. KEPNER.

Boston, Jan. 6th, 1886.

MR. S. S. STEWART,

Dear Sir:—Banjo arrived all right. Every time you plant a 13 inch banjo in Boston, it means more sooner or later. The first one you sent was the means of bringing about the two orders you received recently. It required no other effort.

Yours,
W. M. JAMESON.
No. 20 Chauncy Street.

Madison, Wisconsin, Jan. 5th, 1886.

MR. S. S. STEWART,

Dear Sir:—I like your paper very much, nearly all my pupils take it.

Respectfully,
MRS. M. E. BRAND.

Mattewan, N. Y., Jan. 8th, 1886.

S. S. STEWART, ESQ.

Dear Sir:—Banjo received, and can't be beat for the money. The young man I bought it for is delighted with it, I think it will sell more for you. My "model" banjo keeps right on improving, I would not part with it for anything.

I am yours,
C. B. WILTSE.

Marengo, Iowa, Jan. 9th, 1886.

S. S. STEWART,

Dear Sir:—I have one of your 10 inch banjos, would not take twice what it cost me.

Yours truly,
C. W. HENCH.

Easthampton, Mass., Jan. 11th, 1886.

MR. S. S. STEWART,

Dear Sir:—I received your banjo on Christmas. After fully testing it I find the tone clear and sweet. It is the finest toned banjo I ever heard, and I am more than pleased with it, and all that hear it say it is a wonder. Wishing you the best success, I remain,

Yours respectfully,
M. H. MALONEY.

Butte, Montana, Jan. 8th, 1886.

S. S. STEWART, ESQ.

Dear Sir:—Mr. Taylor's banjo has arrived after a long suspense, to Fred, as he expected it about the 24th or 25th of December. It arrived here January 6th, and in tune, which was a surprise to Fred and I, after coming 4000 miles. Fred says "she's a dandy and best banjo in the Territory," and I say the same.

JOHN C. HENNESSEY.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

J. E. Brewster, of London, England, is no longer agent for the sale of the STEWART BANJOS, or anything pertaining thereto, nor has he any authority or right whatsoever to use the name STEWART in any manner in connection with his business. Every genuine Stewart Banjo is manufactured wholly in every part, in Philadelphia, and each instrument is stamped S. S. Stewart, Philadelphia, and has its number plainly stamped upon it. Imitations, stamped "Stewart's Model," or similar names, are made by imitators of Stewart and sold to those who are unfamiliar with the genuine Stewart Banjos. The public are cautioned to see that each Banjo is stamped and numbered, and if there is any doubt of its genuineness the purchaser should write to Philadelphia, stating number and description of the instrument, as a record of each number is kept on file. We have frequently heard from persons who have paid the most exorbitant prices for very inferior instruments, thinking they were buying the STEWART BANJO.

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2 pos... Drum slide.

4* 2 pos.....

9* 5* Drum slide. Drum slide. Drum slide.

Drum slide. FINE. *ff*

1 2 Drum.

1 2 Drum. D.C.

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Respectfully yours,

WM. A. HUNTLEY, Proprietor Huntley's Concert Co.

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TRENTON, N. J., November 28th, 1885.

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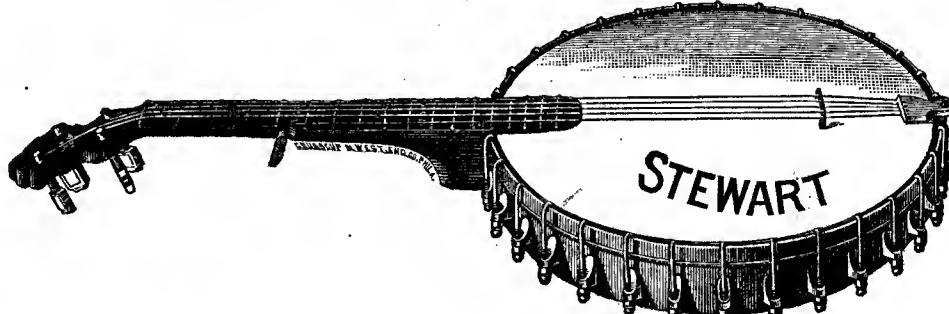
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